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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a Nonprovisional Utility Patent Application for a New Application entitled:

MECHANICALLY ROBUST PAD INTERFACE AND METHOD THEREFOR by:

Scott K. Pozder et al.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A paper entitled "Authorization for Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and Petitions for Extensions of Time."

A Recordation Form Cover Sheet and an Assignment of the invention.

Preliminary amendment.

Enter the unentered 37 C.F.R. §1.116 amendment filed in the prior application.

Information Disclosure Citation (Form PTO-1449) and copies of the cited references therein (other than pending U.S. patent applications) are enclosed.

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"This is based on prior United States Patent Application No. 09/000,000, filed on January 1, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and priority thereto for common subject matter is hereby claimed."

Cancel claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

Priority of patent application number _____ filed on _____ in _____ is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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This Application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. Amend the current Application by deleting the following inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53: _____.

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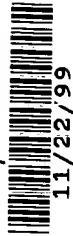
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Scott K. Pozder et al.	Examiner: Unknown
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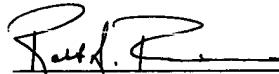
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Respectfully submitted,

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